

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) Container or pot for preparing polenta, ~~characterised~~
characterized by a body (11) having an internal semi-cylindrical bottom (12), a turning stirrer
(15) positioned horizontally on the bottom of said body, a gearmotor device placed on one side
of said body to control the turning of the internal stirrer, a distribution outlet (17) built in one
5 wall of said body on a level with its bottom, and a obturator means (20) associated with the
distribution outlet and which can move between a closed position and an open position of said
outlet in order to control the distribution of the polenta ~~benefiting~~ benefitting from the action
of the internal stirrer.

2. (Original) Container for preparing polenta according to claim 1, in which the bottom
(12) of said body is closed at its ends by two opposite walls (13, 14), the turning stirrer (15)
is supported between said two opposite walls and is made up of an Archimedean screw, the
gearmotor device is positioned on the outside of one of the said walls and the distribution outlet
5 is in the opposite wall.

3. (Currently Amended) Container for preparing polenta according to ~~claims~~ claim ~~land~~
2, in which a sleeve (18) is associated with the distribution outlet (17) having a discharge
passage (19) facing downwards, and in which said sleeve (18) there is a an obturator means
(20) moving between a forward closed position and a retracted open position of the distribution
5 outlet (17) and the discharge passage (19).

4. (Original) Container for preparing polenta according to claim 3, in which said obturator means is movable between said closed and open positions through a longitudinal rotating-translation movement and is fitted with at least one peripheral ring seal (21) for sealing inside the sleeve (15) both in the closing and opening positions.

5. (Original) Container for preparing polenta according to claim 3, in which said obturator means is movable between said closed and open positions through a longitudinal linear movement and is fitted with at least one peripheral ring seal (21) for sealing inside the sleeve (15) both when in the closed and open positions.

6. (Currently Amended) Container for preparing polenta according to ~~any of the previous claims~~ claim 1, in which the stirrer has a continual or discontinuous, one or dual direction screw, and the internal end of the obturator means, when the latter is in the forward closed position, is in line with the internal surface of the adjacent wall of the body of the container.

7. (New) Container for preparing polenta according to claim 2, in which a sleeve (18) is associated with the distribution outlet (17) having a discharge passage (19) facing downwards, and in which said sleeve (18) there is a an obturator means (20) moving between a forward closed position and a retracted open position of the distribution outlet (17) and the discharge passage (19).